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THE FABULOUS FANTASTIC FOUR BECOME VICTIMS OF
"THE MASTER PLAN OF DOCTOR DOOM!"
LET'S NOT WASTE TIME WITH A LONG INTRODUCTION! WE HAVE A SENSATIONAL TALE FOR YOU AND IT STARTS RIGHT NOW!!--
WRITTEN BY: STAN LEE ILLUSTRATED BY: JACK KIRBY INKED BY: GEORGE BELL LETTERED BY: S. ROSEN
HEY, HOT-HEAD... I THOUGHT YOU WERE KEEPING YOUR PINK LITTLE EYES ON DOC DOOM'S TIME MACHINE! LOOK WHAT POPPED OUTTA THE PAST WHILE THE CIRCUIT WAS OPEN!
A BABY DINOSAUR!! DON'T JUST STAND THERE! GRAB HIM!
CAN'T I STEP OUT OF THE ROOM FOR A MINUTE WITHOUT SOME-THING GOING WRONG?!!
KEEP YOUR SHIRTS ON! I'LL GET HIM!
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DON'T MAKE A FEDERAL CASE OUTTA THIS, STRETCH! I'LL GET 'IM... IF JUNIOR DOESN'T MESS THINGS UP!
MESS THINGS UP ?? IF NOT FOR ME SAVING YOUR HIDE ALL THE TIME, WE'D HAVE BECOME THE FANTASTIC THREE LONG AGO!
FOR THE LUVVA PETE! HE'S SO SLIPPERY, HE SLITHERED RIGHT OUTTA MY TENDER, LOVIN' EMBRACE! GET 'IM!
HOW? I DON'T WANT TO BURN THE POOR BRAINLESS THING! HE REMINDS ME TOO MUCH OF YOU!
HEY! HE SPILLED THE WATER FROM SUE'S PLANT POT ON ME!
PUT OUT OF ACTION BY A PLANT POT! I'LL NEVER LIVE IT DOWN!
IF YOU TWO ROUGHNECKS ARE THROUGH WRECKING THE PLACE, I'LL TRAP HIM INSIDE OF AN INVISIBLE FORCE FIELD!
IT'S ABOUT TIME, SUE! NOW LET'S SEE IF I CAN FEEL THE OUTER PERIMETER OF YOUR FORCE FIELD! AHH, HERE IT IS!
WEAKEN THE SECTION MY HAND IS NEAR SO I CAN SLIP THIS ETHER TUBE UNDER IT! THAT'S IT!
HE'S ASLEEP NOW! BUT WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO WITH HIM?
WE'LL USE DOOM'S CAPTURED TIME MACHINE TO SEND HIM BACK TO THE PAST, OF COURSE! CARRY HIM TO THE DEPARTURE PLATFORM!
YOU KEEP BARKIN' ORDERS LIKE THAT, NAPOLEON, AND I'LL WRAP HIM AROUND YOUR NECK!
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IS THAT SATIS-FACTORY, YOUR ROYAL HIGH-NESS?
BEN, DID ANYONE EVER TELL YOU YOU'RE FUNNY AS A CRUTCH? AND ONLY HALF AS DECOR-ATIVE?
THERE! THE MACHINE IS STARTING TO WORK ALREADY! THE DINOSAUR IS RETURNING TO THE PREHISTORIC AGE HE REALLY BELONGS IN!
HE'S GONE! DOCTOR DOOM'S MACHINE STILL WORKS PERFECTLY...EVEN AFTER WE TRANSFERRED IT HERE TO OUR LAB FOR INTENSIVE STUDY!
IT'S TOO BAD THAT MY SO-CALLED PARTNERS DON'T WORK AS WELL AS DOOM'S MACHINE! CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING RIGHT??
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO WATCH THE MACHINE AND SHUT THE CIRCUIT IF ANYTHING BEGAN TO APPEAR! BUT YOU WERE TOO BUSY WITH YOUR CHILDISH BICKERING!
IN CASE IT'S SLIPPED YOUR ALLEGED MINDS, THE WORK WE DO HERE MEANS SOMETHING! SOMEDAY THE FATE OF MANKIND MAY REST ON ONE OF OUR EXPERIMENTS! AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO TAKES HIS JOB SERIOUSLY AROUND HERE?
LISTEN, SKINNY! I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE A STUFFED SHIRT... AND NOW I'M SURE OF IT! BUT I'M NOT TAKIN' THAT KINDA TALK FROM YOU!
STOP FLAPPING YOUR LIPS, AND GET BACK TO WORK, BEN... AND ALL OF YOU!
MISTER, THAT DOES IT!
I SAY IT'S TIME WE ELECTED OURSELVES A NEW LEADER! YOU'VE BEEN WORKIN' SO HARD YOUR BRAINS ARE RUSTY! HEY, LISTEN WHEN I TALK TO YA!
BEN'S RIGHT, REED! IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE AROUND HERE!
I CAN'T LET MY PERSONAL FEELINGS FOR YOU AFFECT A DECISION LIKE THIS, REED! I AGREE WITH THE BOYS!
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But LET US LEAVE THE F.F. FOR A MOMENT AND VISIT A NEARBY COURTHOUSE, WHERE THE EVENTS TAKING PLACE WILL HAVE A GRAVE EFFECT ON THE LIVES OF OUR QUARRELING QUARTET!
I SENTENCE YOU TO THREE MONTHS AND FIFTEEN DAYS!
NEXT CASE!
DAY AFTER DAY, SILENT AND UNNOTICED, A STRANGE SPECTATOR WATCHES THE PROCEEDINGS...WITH NOT A TRACE OF EXPRESSION ON HIS IMPASSIVE FACE!
DO YOU SWEAR OR AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH...
HE IS NOT THE ONE I SEEK! I MUST WAIT LONGER... I MUST BE PATIENT...
FINALLY, THE LONG VIGIL IS REWARDED, AND THEN...
YOU SAY SOMEONE PAID MY BAIL? BUT WHO? I HAVE NO FRIENDS!
DON'T ASK ME! ALL I KNOW IS YOU CAN LEAVE NOW, YOGI!
OUTSIDE THE JAIL, A BLACK LIMOUSINE PULLS UP, AND...
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?
SILENCE! NO QUESTIONS!
FOLLOW ME! HE IS WAITING!
HE??! OH WELL, I SUPPOSE IF SOMEONE IS WILLING TO PAY MY BAIL FOR ME AND SET ME FREE, I CAN AT LEAST MEET HIM!
LOOK, ANOTHER ONE! HOW MANY OF US CROOKS ARE YOU BAILING OUT, CURLY??
YEAH! IT'S TIME YOU TOLD US WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!
YOU ARE ABOUT TO LEARN THE ANSWER! BUT, YOU WILL NOT LEARN IT FROM ME!
NO, YOU SHALL NOT LEARN IT FROM HIM! FOR HIS WORK IS NOW FINISHED... AND SO IS HE!
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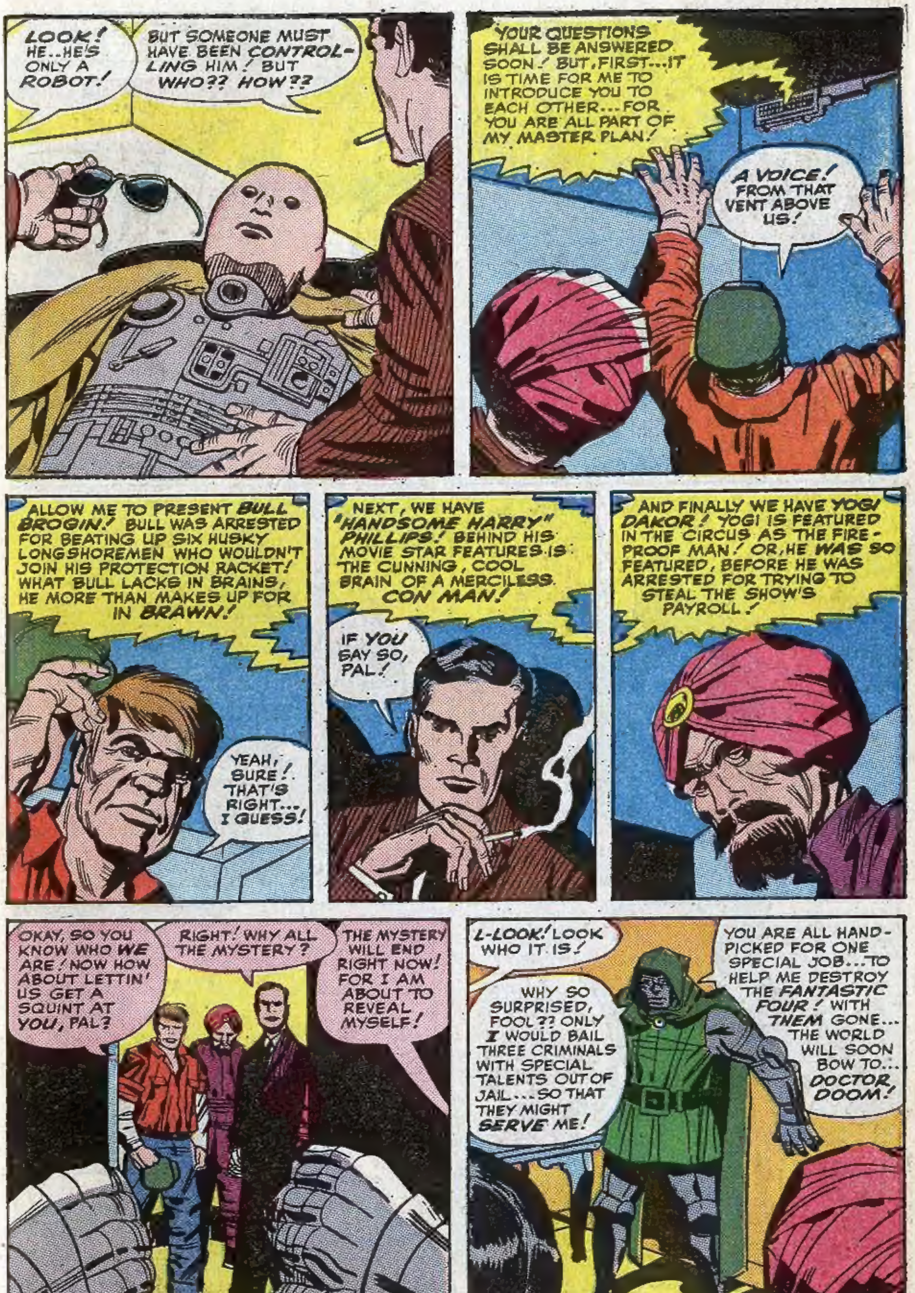
LOOK! HE..HE'S ONLY A ROBOT!
BUT SOMEONE MUST HAVE BEEN CONTROLLING HIM! BUT WHO?? HOW??
YOUR QUESTIONS SHALL BE ANSWERED SOON! BUT, FIRST...IT IS TIME FOR ME TO INTRODUCE YOU TO EACH OTHER... FOR YOU ARE ALL PART OF MY MASTER PLAN!
A VOICE! FROM THAT VENT ABOVE US!
ALLOW ME TO PRESENT BULL BROGIN! BULL WAS ARRESTED FOR BEATING UP SIX HUSKY LONGSHOREMEN WHO WOULDN'T JOIN HIS PROTECTION RACKET! WHAT BULL LACKS IN BRAINS, HE MORE THAN MAKES UP FOR IN BRAWN!
YEAH, SURE! THAT'S RIGHT... I GUESS!
NEXT, WE HAVE "HANDSOME HARRY" PHILLIPS! BEHIND HIS MOVIE STAR FEATURES IS THE CUNNING, COOL BRAIN OF A MERCILESS CON MAN!
IF YOU SAY SO, PAL!
AND FINALLY WE HAVE YOGI DAKOR! YOGI IS FEATURED IN THE CIRCUS AS THE FIRE-PROOF MAN! OR, HE WAS SO FEATURED, BEFORE HE WAS ARRESTED FOR TRYING TO STEAL THE SHOW'S PAYROLL!
OKAY, SO YOU KNOW WHO WE ARE! NOW HOW ABOUT LETTIN' US GET A SQUINT AT YOU, PAL?
RIGHT! WHY ALL THE MYSTERY?
THE MYSTERY WILL END RIGHT NOW! FOR I AM ABOUT TO REVEAL MYSELF!
L-LOOK! LOOK WHO IT IS!
WHY SO SURPRISED, FOOL?? ONLY I WOULD BAIL THREE CRIMINALS WITH SPECIAL TALENTS OUT OF JAIL... SO THAT THEY MIGHT SERVE ME!
YOU ARE ALL HAND-PICKED FOR ONE SPECIAL JOB... TO HELP ME DESTROY THE FANTASTIC FOUR! WITH THEM GONE... THE WORLD WILL SOON BOW TO... DOCTOR DOOM!
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YOU MADE ME MAD!!
IT AIN'T EASY TO DO TO A MILD, GENTLE, EASY-GOIN' DOLL LIKE ME! BUT YOU DID IT!!
REMEMBER WHEN RUBBER-HEAD HAD THIS RUG MADE OUTTA ASBESTOS SO YOU WOULDN'T BURN IT UP EVERY TIME YOU HAD A TEMPER TANTRUM!?
YEEOWP!!
I HOPE YOUR PASSPORT'S IN ORDER, SHORTY! BECAUSE WHEN I FINISH KIDDIN' AROUND, I MAY DECIDE TO TOSS YA TO THE MOON!
KEEP TALKIN, YOU BIG APE! I'M STORIN' UP MY HEAT ENERGY FOR A TREAT FOR YOU IN ABOUT ONE SECOND...
NO SOONER HAS THE TORCH STOPPED SPEAKING THEN A MILD HEAT EXPLOSION TAKES PLACE, SIMILAR TO A TEA-KETTLE HAVING THE LID BLOWN OFF BY STEAM PRESSURE WITHIN!
I'M GLAD YOU DID THAT, SMALL FRY! NOW I CAN CLOBBER YOU A LITTLE LONGER!
NOW YOU'VE BOTH GONE TOO FAR!! WHEN REED SEES WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT RUG...!
AW, WHO CARES ABOUT REED! WE'RE FIGHTING TO SEE WHO'LL REPLACE HIM, REMEMBER?
YOU CALL THIS A FIGHT? HECK, I THOUGHT YOU WERE LEARNIN' HOW TO WALTZ!
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YOU'LL KNOW YOU'VE BEEN IN A FIGHT WHEN I GET THROUGH --
HEY! WHAT HAPPENED?
I WARNED YOU BOTH TO STOP! PERHAPS MY WALL OF INVISIBLE FORCE WILL SLOW YOU DOWN FOR A WHILE!
JUST LIKE A DAME! ALWAYS PUTTIN' THE KIBOSH ON THINGS JUST WHEN THE FUN IS STARTIN'!
AND, AT THAT MOMENT, A TALL, LEAN, MOCKING FIGURE STEPS OUT OF HIS LAB...
LAB 3
WELL, WELL! LOOK AT THE THREE WOULD-BE LEADERS OF THE F.F.! YOU CAN'T EVEN KEEP ORDER AMONG YOURSELVES!
ALL RIGHT, BOYS, THE PARTY'S OVER! I DIDN'T SPEND A FORTUNE FURNISHING THIS PLACE TO HAVE YOU TWO CLOWNS WRECK IT FOR ME!
REED'S RIGHT, BIG BEN! WE BOTH LET OUR TEMPERS GET THE BEST OF US!
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF, KIDDO! EVERYONE KNOWS I NEVER LOSE MY TEMPER!
NOW HEAR THIS, ALL OF YOU! IF YOU THINK I LIKE BEING THE LEADER OF A GROUP OF TEMPERAMENTAL PRIMA-DONNAS YOU'RE CRAZY! BUT SOMEONE'S GOT TO DO IT, AND I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN STAND YOU!
SUE, HONEY, I DON'T MEAN YOU! I KNOW YOU WERE HURT WHEN I SPOKE HARSHLY TO YOU, BEFORE. AND I'M SORRY! IT'S JUST THAT I'VE HAD A LOT ON MY MIND LATELY!
AS FAR AS WE KNOW, DOCTOR DOOM IS STILL AT LARGE, AND HE'LL NEVER REST UNTIL HE'S DESTROYED US! I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TRACE HIM.. TO STRIKE FIRST... WHILE YOU'VE THOUGHT ONLY OF YOURSELVES!
NOW TAKE THESE AND CLEAN THIS PLACE UP! AND IF ANYONE WANTS TO QUIT...YOU KNOW WHERE THE DOOR IS!
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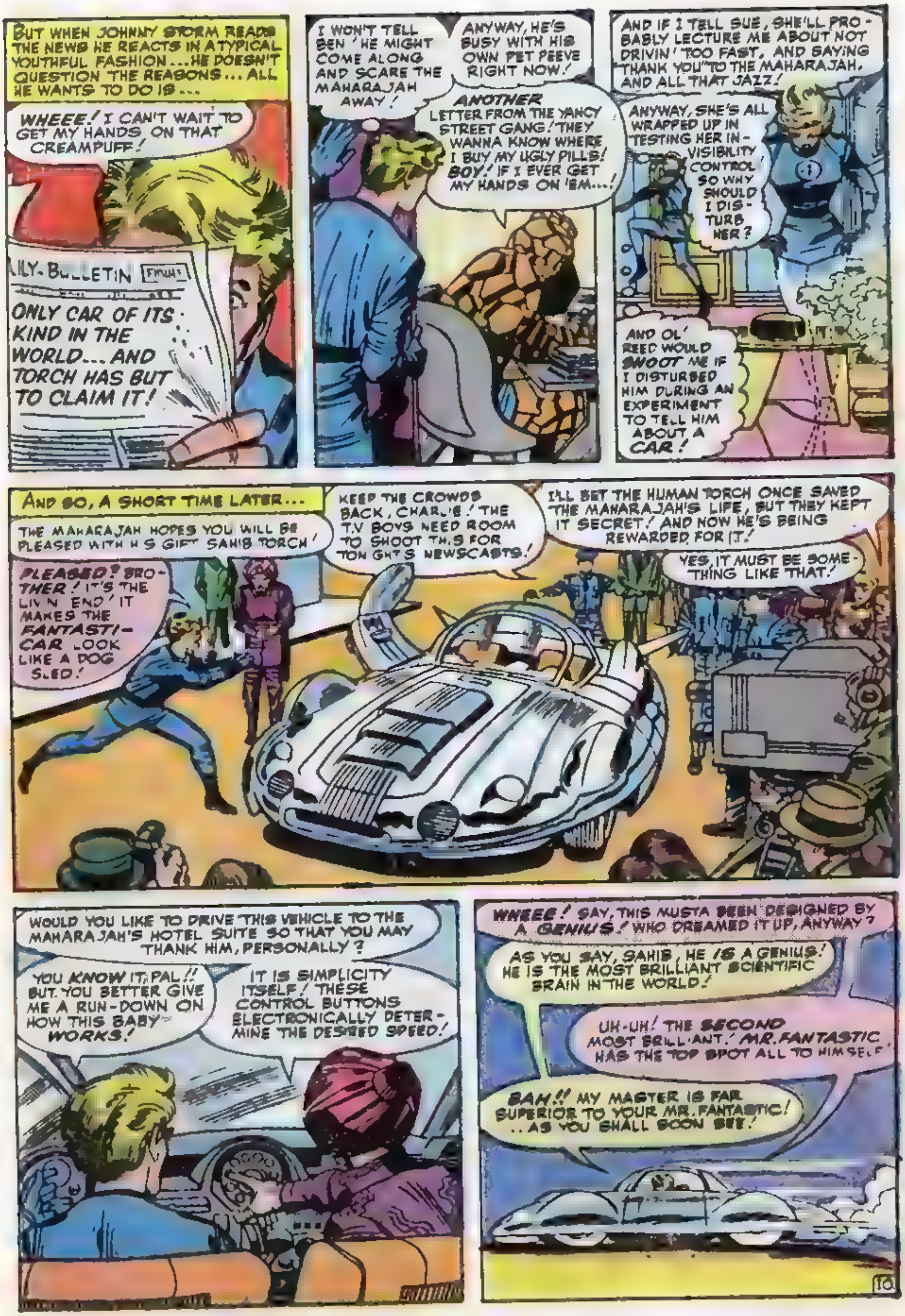
MEANTIME AT THE HIDDEN LAB OF DOCTOR DOOM ...
DO NOT BE ALARMED! THIS APPARATUS IS A SPECIAL DEVICE I HAVE CREATED WHICH INCREASES YOUR SPECIAL POWERS A DOZENFOLD! AT THIS MOMENT NONE OF YOU ARE A MATCH FOR ANY OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR BUT ..
...ONCE YOU'VE BEEN SUBJECTED TO THE EFFECTS OF MY XZ-12 DEVICE, THE STORY WILL BE DIFFERENT!
THERE! IT IS OVER! I'VE ADAPTED EACH XZ-2 DEVICE TO AFFECT YOU DIFFERENTLY!... TO INCREASE JUST ONE SPECIAL POWER IN EACH OF YOU
I'VE INCREASED YOUR HEARING POWER, HANDSOME HARRY SO THAT YOU CAN HEAR THE INVISIBLE GIRL NO MATTER WHERE SHE MAY HIDE! QUICK! SHOOT AT THE SOUND BEHIND YOU! GOOD! YOU CAN EVEN HEAR A FEATHER FALLING!
AS FOR YOU, BULL BROGIN, YOUR MUSCLE POWER HAS BEEN MULTIPLIED A DOZEN TIMES! WHILE YOUR STRENGTH STILL DOES NOT MATCH THE THING'S YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO HELP CARRY OUT MY MASTER PLAN!
INSTEAD OF HAVING MERELY A RESISTANCE TO FLAME, YOGI DAKOR, YOU NOW ARE ALMOST COMPLETELY FIREPROOF... AS THE HUMAN TORCH SHALL SOON LEARN TO HIS INTENSE SORROW!
REMEMBER, IF NOT FOR ME, YOU WOULD ALL BE LANGUISHING IN JAIL! SO DO YOUR WORK WELL, AND I PROMISE YOU THE PROTECTION OF DOCTOR DOOM SO LONG AS YOU ARE LOYAL!
NOW WE WILL DISCUSS THE MEANS WHEREBY YOU THREE DEFEAT THE HUMAN TORCH, THE THING, AND THE INVISIBLE GIRL.. WHILE I SAVE MR. FANTASTIC FOR MYSELF!
The VERY NEXT DAY...
READ ALL ABOUT IT! HUMAN TORCH TO RECEIVE MILLION DOLLAR CAR FROM VISITING MAHARAJAH EXTRA!!
WOW! I'D LIKE TO GET A LOOK AT THAT CAR MYSELF! BUT WHY IS HE GIVING IT TO THE TORCH? AND WHO IS HE, ANYWAY?
DAILY BULLETIN
HUMAN TORCH TO GET MARVEL CAR!
WEALTHY MAHARAJAH TO GIFT SUPER-HERO WITH FABULOUS MECHANICAL WONDER!



BUT WHEN JOHNNY STORM READS THE NEWS HE REACTS IN A TYPICAL YOUTHFUL FASHION... HE DOESN'T QUESTION THE REASONS... ALL HE WANTS TO DO IS...
WHEEE! I CAN'T WAIT TO GET MY HANDS ON THAT CREAMPUFF!
ILY-BULLETIN
ONLY CAR OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD... AND TORCH HAS BUT TO CLAIM IT!
I WON'T TELL BEN 'HE MIGHT COME ALONG AND SCARE THE MAHARAJAH AWAY!
ANYWAY, HE'S BUSY WITH HIS OWN PET PEEVE RIGHT NOW!
ANOTHER LETTER FROM THE YANCY STREET GANG! THEY WANNA KNOW WHERE I BUY MY UGLY PILLS! BOY! IF I EVER GET MY HANDS ON 'EM...!
AND IF I TELL SUE, SHE'LL PROBABLY LECTURE ME ABOUT NOT DRIVIN' TOO FAST, AND SAYING "THANK YOU" TO THE MAHARAJAH, AND ALL THAT JAZZ!
ANYWAY, SHE'S ALL WRAPPED UP IN TESTING HER INVISIBILITY CONTROL SO WHY SHOULD I DISTURB HER?
AND OL' REED WOULD SWOOT ME IF I DISTURBED HIM DURING AN EXPERIMENT TO TELL HIM ABOUT A CAR!
AND SO, A SHORT TIME LATER...
THE MAHARAJAH HOPES YOU WILL BE PLEASED WITH HIS GIFT, SAHIB TORCH!
PLEASED? BROTHER! IT'S THE LIVIN' END! IT MAKES THE FANTASTI-CAR LOOK LIKE A DOG SLED!
KEEP THE CROWDS BACK, CHARLIE! THE T.V BOYS NEED ROOM TO SHOOT THIS FOR TONIGHT'S NEWSCASTS!
I'LL BET THE HUMAN TORCH ONCE SAVED THE MAHARAJAH'S LIFE, BUT THEY KEPT IT SECRET! AND NOW HE'S BEING REWARDED FOR IT!
YES, IT MUST BE SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO DRIVE THIS VEHICLE TO THE MAHARAJAH'S HOTEL SUITE SO THAT YOU MAY THANK HIM, PERSONALLY?
YOU KNOW IT, PAL!! BUT YOU BETTER GIVE ME A RUN-DOWN ON HOW THIS BABY WORKS!
IT IS SIMPLICITY ITSELF! THESE CONTROL BUTTONS ELECTRONICALLY DETERMINE THE DESIRED SPEED!
WHEEE! SAY, THIS MUSTA BEEN DESIGNED BY A GENIUS! WHO DREAMED IT UP, ANYWAY?
AS YOU SAY, SAHIB, HE IS A GENIUS! HE IS THE MOST BRILLIANT SCIENTIFIC BRAIN IN THE WORLD!
UH-UH! THE SECOND MOST BRILLIANT! MR. FANTASTIC HAS THE TOP SPOT ALL TO HIMSELF!
BAH!! MY MASTER IS FAR SUPERIOR TO YOUR MR. FANTASTIC! ..AS YOU SHALL SOON SEE!
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THIS IS THE LAST STRAW!! I'LL TAKE YANCY STREET APART BRICK BY BRICK TILL I FIND THOSE RAT FINKS!
LOOKS LIKE THAT POOR LITTLE KID HAS HIS HAND CAUGHT IN THAT WINDOW GRATING!
HAVE NO FEAR, KIDDO... THE THING IS HERE!
DON'T BOTHER TO THANK ME! I'M IN A BIG HURRY!
THANK YOU???
I WISH I WAS BIG ENOUGH TO WHAP YOU ONE" IF ANYONE ON THIS STREET SEES THAT I LET YOU HELP ME, MY NAME'S MUD AROUND HERE!
JUST MY LUCK!! YOU'RE TOO BIG TO SPANK AND TOO SMALL TO CLOBBER!!
ALL RIGHT, YOU LOW-DOWN LETTER-WRITING, LILY-LIVERED COWARDS... THIS IS YOUR PEN-PAL, THE THING TALKIN'! I'M GIVIN' THE YANCY STREET GANG TEN SECONDS TO SHOW THEIR UGLY FACES BEFORE I REALLY GET MAD!!!
YANCY ST
I KNEW THAT LETTER WOULD BRING YOU HERE! I'VE BEEN WAITIN' TO WEL-COME YA!
YIPPEE! THIS IS MY LUCKY DAY! YOU'RE BIG ENOUGH NOT TO FALL APART WHEN I LAND A HAYMAKER ON YOU!
JUST STAY THERE FOR A MINUTE... I WANNA REMEMBER YOU AS YOU ARE!
I ALWAYS FIGURED YOU CREEPS LIVED UNDER THE GUTTER SOMEWHERE!! HERE, I'LL TOSS YOU UP SO YOU CAN SEE WHAT FRESH AIR IS LIKE BEFORE I DEMOLISH YA!!
ENJOY IT WHILE YOU CAN, FROG-FACE! YOU'LL SOON GET YOURS!
12.

THANKS FOR THE RIDE, NATURE BOY! NOW DON'T GO 'WAY!
I WOULDN'T THINK OF IT!
YOU SHOULDA THOUGHT OF IT!! DIDN'T THINK I WAS STRONG ENOUGH TO DO THIS, DID YA?
MERCY ME! I'M OVER-WHELMED! NOW STAND BACK, STRONG MAN, SO I CAN TREMBLE IN PEACE!
OKAY, BIG MOUTH! THE FUN'S OVER! BETTER CALL THE REST OF YOUR GANG!.. YOU'RE GONNA NEED 'EM!
YOU BIRDBRAIN!! I'M NOT A MEMBER OF THE YANCY STREET GANG! MY GANG IS FAR MORE DANGEROUS!!
AND NOW, ONE BLAST FROM THIS COSMIC-BEAM GUN SHOULD END THIS FIGHT HERE AND NOW!
COSMIC-BEAM GUN?? I-I BECAME THE THING WHEN THE COSMIC RAYS HIT ME! THAT BEAM WILL TURN ME BACK TO BEN GRIMM!
BUT WHO COULD HAVE INVENTED IT, EXCEPT...?
THE EFFECTS OF THAT BEAM WILL ONLY LAST FOR A FEW MINUTES. BUT IT'LL BE LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO POLISH YOU OFF!
AFTER GETTIN' THE XZ-12 TREATMENT, I'M STRONG ENOUGH TO HANDLE A DOZEN BEN GRIMMS!! SEE WHAT I MEAN?
UGHH!
AND FROM A HIDDEN VANTAGE POINT, DOCTOR DOOM FOLLOWS THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS WITH SINISTER SATISFACTION...
WELL DONE, BROGIN! NOW AS SOON AS HARRY PHILLIPS ATTENDS TO THE INVISIBLE GIRL, I PERSONALLY SHALL HAND MR. FANTASTIC HIS MOST CRUSHING DEFEAT!
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HOW HANDSOME HE IS! WOULDN'T REED BE JEALOUS!!
I'M AFRAID IT'S TOO LATE TO REFUSE THEM NOW! IN FACT, INASMUCH AS YOU'VE ALREADY SMELLED THEM, IT'S TOO LATE FOR ANYTHING!
WHAT?? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?? I..I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
I'LL BE HAPPY TO EXPLAIN BEAUTIFUL! THE FLOWERS CONTAINED A SPECIAL SECRET INGREDIENT! ONE WHIFF AND YOU GO TO SLEEPY-BY LAND!
LUCKY REED WARNED ME TO BE ON GUARD! I HELD MY BREATH WHILE HOLDING THE FLOWERS.. JUST IN CASE!
I SEE YOU'RE NOT AS EASY TO TRICK AS I HAD EXPECTED! WELL, NO MATTER, GORGEOUS! YOU CAN'T ESCAPE THIS ETHER GUN!
I MUST TURN INVISIBLE... STAY OUT OF HIS WAY UNTIL I LEARN WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!
BEING INVISIBLE, WON'T HELP YOU! I CAN HEAR YOUR HEARTBEAT, NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!
HE MEANS IT! WHEREVER I RUN, HE TURNS IN THAT DIRECTION! HAVEN'T TIME TO STOP AND CONCENTRATE MY INVISIBLE FORCE SHIELD!
NICE TRY, BABY, BUT THIS WRAPS IT UP! THAT SPECIAL ETHER MIST WILL CLING TO YOUR NOSTRILS UNTIL YOU STOP HOLDING YOUR BREATH!
CAN'T FIGHT IT ANY LONGER! CAN FEEL THE ETHER TAKING EFFECT! OH, REED..REED.. WHERE ARE YOU?
BUT REED RICHARDS WILL SHORTLY BE FIGHTING FOR HIS OWN LIFE, AGAINST THE DEADLY MASTER PLAN OF DOCTOR DOOM!
HAH! NOW THAT THE LOWLY PAWNS ARE OUT OF THE WAY, I SHALL MATCH WITS AND STRENGTH ONCE AGAIN WITH THE ONLY FOE WHO IS TRULY MY EQUAL!! AND AFTER I HAVE BESTED HIM, THE WORLD WILL BE MINE!!
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AND SO, THE FINAL PHASE OF DOCTOR DOOM'S MASTER PLAN BEGINS...WITH A DRAMATIC FLARE SIGNAL ILLUMINATING THE TWILIGHT SKY...
IT'S THE THING!! SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG! AND IT MUST BE CRITICAL FOR HIM TO USE THE FLARE SIGNAL!
WHAT IS IT, BEN?? SPEAK UP, MAN!!
DOWN HERE, REED!! HURRY!!
STOP! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?? HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND, BEN?
I'M BEING FORCED BETWEEN TWO PLEXI-GLASS CONTAINERS!! BUT WHY, BEN?? WHY?
I KNEW THE SIGHT OF YOUR LUMBERING PARTNER WOULD MAKE YOU LOSE YOUR NATURAL CAUTION, REED RICHARDS!
DOCTOR DOOM!! I-I MIGHT HAVE GUESSED!! BUT HOW DID YOU GET THE THING TO BECOME AN ACCOMPLICE?? AND..-MPFFF-
SAVE YOUR BREATH, RICHARDS!! ONCE THIS ESCAPE-PROOF CONTAINER IS SEALED, YOUR VOICE COMES OUT AS AN UNINTELLIGIBLE MURMUR!
HOWEVER, YOU DON'T HAVE TO HEAR ME TO UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M NOW SHOWING YOU! TOO BAD YOU FORGOT, IN YOUR EAGERNESS TO HELP THE THING, THAT I'M A MASTER ROBOT DESIGNER!! BUT, THAT ONE OVERSIGHT WILL COST YOU...YOUR VERY LIFE!
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NOT LONG AFTERWARDS, A HEAVILY-SHROUDED TRUCK RUMBLES INTO A LARGE PRIVATE WAREHOUSE ON A DREARY NEW YORK SIDE STREET!
YOU WON'T BE TOO LONELY, RICHARDS! THERE ARE FRIENDS WAITING FOR YOU INSIDE!
LOOK AT YOU! THE ONCE MIGHTY FANTASTIC FOUR! NOW, HELPLESS PRISONERS OF DOCTOR DOOM!
DON'T YOU EVER GO TO THE MOVIES, CORNBALL? EVERY TIME A VILLAIN TALKS LIKE THAT THE HERO CLOBBERS HIM IN THE NEXT SCENE!
SOME HEROES WE ARE BEN! YOU CAN'T PULL THAT THING OUT OF THE WALL 'CAUSE IT'S ELECTRIFIED ... AND I CAN'T BURN THROUGH THIS ASBESTOS CORD!
NOW THAT MY ROBOT HAS DONE HIS JOB, I NO LONGER NEED HIM!
ONE GROTESQUE THING TO LOOK AT IS ONE TOO MANY! WE NEED NO MORE!
BY SIMPLY TOUCHING A BUTTON ON ITS ELECTRONIC CONTROL PANEL I REDUCE THE ROBOT TO THE NOTHINGNESS IT WAS BEFORE MY GENIUS GAVE IT FORM!
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MEANWHILE...
SUE'S STARTIN' TO WAKE UP! THE POOR KID! SHE'S IN FOR A SHOCK WHEN SHE SEES WHAT'S HAPPENED TO US!!
BEN! MAYBE SHE CAN HELP US WITH HER NEW INVISIBLE FORCE POWER! DOOM DOESN'T KNOW SHE HAS T' HEY, SUE... SUE! LISTEN...
MMM... WHAT??
LATER AFTER JOHNNY HAS EXPLAINED...
THAT'S IT, BEN.. PULL! MY FORCE FIELD WILL STOP THE CURRENT FROM ELECTRO-CUTING YOU!
WHADDAYA KNOW?! IT WORKED!
IF ONLY I DIDN'T ALWAYS FEEL SO WEAK AFTER USING MY INVISIBLE FORCE FIELD...!
HEY, STRINGBEAN! NEXT TIME YOU TRY TO CONVINCE US HOW USELESS WE ARE WITHOUT YOU, TRY TO REMEMBER WHO GOT YOU OUT OF THIS LITTLE GLASS FISHBOWL!
BUT, AT THAT MOMENT DOCTOR DOOM RETURNS, AND...
I PREPARED MYSELF FOR JUST SUCH AN OCCURRENCE... AS YOU CAN SEE!
WHOOMFF!
SOME CRUMMY WAY TO TREAT A GUEST!!
THAT WILL KEEP THE RAMPAGING THING OCCUPIED LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO ATTEND TO THE REST OF YOU!
AS FOR YOU, YOUNG LADY, ANOTHER, BIGGER DOSE OF SLEEPING GAS WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU... PERHAPS PERMANENTLY!!
I'M STILL TOO WEAK TO USE MY FORCE FIELD!! WHAT CAN WE DO??

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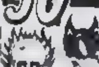

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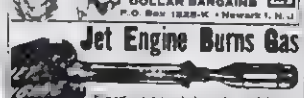

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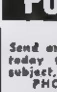

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REED! LOOK! THE FLOOR IS DISSOLVING! AND...YOU CAN SEE OUTER SPACE OUTSIDE! WHAT'S HAPPENING??!
I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED! DOOM PUT US DIRECTLY IN THE PATH OF A SOLAR WAVE! HE MUST HAVE KNOWN IT WAS ABOUT TO PASS THIS WAY!
WHAT IN BLUE BLAZES IS A SOLAR WAVE??
"I FIRST LEARNED OF THE WAVES YEARS AGO WHEN AN ABANDONED WEATHER STATION WAS CAUGHT IN THE PATH OF ONE!"
"AS THE SOLAR WAVE NOISELESSLY BRUSHED PAST THE STATION, IT WAS ATTRACTED BY SOME IONIC DUST PARTICLES WHICH HAD DRIFTED DOWN FROM THE ATMOSPHERE..."
"WITHIN SECONDS THE ENTIRE ROOF WAS GONE... TRANSFERRED TO OUTER SPACE IN SOME STRANGE WAY! AND NOW, DOOM MUST HAVE COATED THIS ROOM WITH THAT SAME IONIC DUST POWDER!"
IT'S STILL GREEK TO ME! BUT WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!
MY INVISIBLE FORCE FIELD IS GETTING STRONGER! I'M GOING TO TRY SOMETHING!!
I KNOW DOOM IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALL! I'M GOING TO SEND MY INVISIBLE ENERGY BEAM RIGHT THROUGH... LIKE THIS...
THERE! NOW HE'S TRAPPED ALONG WITH US! IF WE DIE, SO DOES HE!
WHAT DO WE DO NOW?? SPACE IS CLOSIN' IN ON US!!
THERE'S NO WEAK SPOT ON THE WALL... I'VE MENTALLY SOUNDED EVERY INCH!
IT'S COMING CLOSER, DOOM! NOT MUCH TIME LEFT! REMEMBER, IF WE GO... YOU DO, TOO!
MOVE ASIDE! I'VE GOT TO FIND THE WIRES WHICH CAUSED THE IONIC DUST TO SETTLE ON THIS ROOM... I DON'T WANT TO DIE WITH YOU!
THE WORLD MUST NOT LOSE A MAGNIFICENT BRAIN LIKE MINE!

YOU SAY YOU WANNA COME IN AND LOOK FOR SOME W RES?? HERE PAL... I'LL HELP YA IN!
BEN! FORGET DOOM! IT'S TOO LATE FOR HIM TO DO ANYTHING! THE ROOM IS DISSOLVING TOO FAST!
YEAH? WELL, IF ANYONE GETS TOSSED INTO SPACE, DOC DOOM IS VOLUNTEERIN' TO GO FIRST! AREN'T YOU, DOC?
STAY BACK! KEEP AWAY, YOU BRA NLESS GARGOYLE! NO 'NO!
HELLLLLLLLLP...
WE'VE ONE SLIGHT CHANCE! THE SOLAR WAVES MIGHT ONLY BE ATTRACTED TO THIS ROOM! IONIC DUST IS EXPENS VE... DOOM COULDN'T HAVE USED MUCH OF IT!
QUICK! PUT SUE THROUGH THE WALL AND THEN FOLLOW.. FAST!
LOOK!! THERE'S ONLY A FEW INCHES OF ROOM LEFT!! IN ANOTHER FEW SECONDS... BLOOIE!
THIS IS NO TIME TO ADMIRE THE SCENERY, BEN! MOVE!
Y'KNOW, I ALWAYS GET SLOPPY SENTIMENTAL WHEN SOME-ONE SAVES MY LIFE! YOU CAN STAY AS LEADER OF THE F.F., BUDDY! I DON'T MIND!
THANKS, BEN! YOUR ENTHUSIASM IS A JOY TO BEHOLD!
LATER... AFTER THE SOLAR WAVE HAS PASSED...
LOOK! THE ROOM IS GONE! NOTHING BUT SOME GIRDERS ARE LEFT!
WELL, WE WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT GETT NG A NEW LEADER FOR A WHILE! LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL DO RIGHT FINE, BIG FELLA!
F YA ASK ME, WE SHOULDA ELECTED DOOM!
DON'T SHED TOO MANY TEARS FOR OL' DOC DOOM! STAN AND JACK ARE ALREADY TRYING TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO BRING HIM BACK! BUT, TILL THEY DO, IT'S LETTERS-PAGE TIME---
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FANTASTIC FOUR FAN PAGE

Address YOUR letters to:
LEE and KIRBY
FANTASTIC FOUR
THIRD FLOOR
655 MADISON AVE.
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

Dear Stan and Jack,

So what can I say? Every one of the MARVEL COMICS GROUP is a hit with me and many University of Nebraska buddies of mine—ranging from freshmen to graduate students! Furthermore, I must comment on your latest dimensions, the X-MEN and the AVENGERS—beautiful! Don't get too "way out" as you sometimes have a habit of doing, but I guess that's just Lee and Kirby for you. I read somewhere that reading comic magazines has a psychological effect in that it stimulates and satisfies the very imaginative mind. Well, fellas, keep stimulating—keep satisfying!

Robert J. Egan
211 North Elm St.
Hastings, Nebr.

We'll do our best, Bob boy, if you do your part—namely, keep reading!

Dear Stan and Jack,

I have a few questions concerning the Fantastic Four that maybe you guys can clear up. First, about the FF ANNUAL which was very good except for the fact of drawing the origin over. You should have presented it as it was in FF #1. The Gallery of Villains was very good as it gave a round-up of all the past enemies of the FF. It should appear in all upcoming Annuals. Twice in the Sub-Mariner story Mr. Fantastic states that Namor will not hurt Sue because he loves her in his own "strange way"! Why does Richards insist that Namor loving Miss Storm is strange!? Secondly, if Prince Namor's people do not have winged feet and human beings don't, where did he get his winged feet? Don't tell me how he got bombarded with cosmic rays!

Richard E. Tong
8 Mayflower St
Plymouth, Mass.

We'll be answering both your questions in future stories, Dick. But if any of our readers want to guess at their own explanations we'll print the best ones. Or, maybe we'll print the worst ones! With us, you never can tell!

Dear Stan and Jack,

I'm writing to apologize for what I said on my last card about the Ant-Man becoming Giant-Man. I said I wouldn't like it, but today I bought it and I think it's the best thing since the Fantastic Four!

Brady Flowers
10 E. Washington Ave.
La Center, Minn.

Apology accepted, Brady! Now don't change your mind again, hear?

Dear Stan and Jack,

I've been reading comics for 6 years and I've never written the publishers a letter, but now I must. MARVEL COMICS are great! Now I've found my favorite character and I sure hope you give him his own comic. You showed him to us in STRANGE TALES #114—yes, Captain America. If he's as good a hero as he is a villain, give me more. He's perfect for me. I'm sure others feel as I do Give him a try as a hero—please!!

Gary Mullins
704 Lebanon Ave
Campbellsville, Ky.

So far we've received a zillion letters all agreeing with you, Gary! The next problem is to figure out where to PUT him! We're toying with the idea of having Cap join the AVENGERS! So, don't be too surprised . . .

Dear Stan and Jack,

I don't usually write letters regarding comic magazine characters, but after reading the MARVEL COMICS GROUP for a number of months, I just had to write to you! I have to admit to being a late-comer since my earliest copy of the FANTASTIC FOUR is #9, but at least I have managed to get the #1 issue of SPIDER-MAN and the X MEN. Until recently I didn't care much for the other magazines (except for the Human Torch's sole efforts in STRANGE TALES), but things seem to be improving everywhere. It seems that you must have a respect for the opinion of your readers, judging from letters in earlier issues and your response through improvements in later issues. After reading the letter columns I have come to the conclusion that most of your readers aren't just kids who "waste time" reading comics like I did when I was a few years younger, but pretty well-read people who enjoy lighter reading material. Some may carry a chip on their shoulder and like to point out errors, but for the most part your readers offer constructive criticism as well as praise regarding artwork, plots, super-heroes and super-villains. How can you fellows make such unbelievable and fantastic people so believable? You do such a great job on all of them (despite certain readers' comments to the contrary). It amazes me that you can cram so much action, excitement, and humor in any one story, and still have all the stories so different! I'm now just waiting for the next issues of all my favorite MARVEL comics to show up on the newsstand!

Lana Fuller
8635 Compton Blvd.
Paramount, Calif

Bless your li'l heart, Lana! But stop waiting — our new issues are on sale NOW! Go get 'em.

Dear Stan and Jack,

Since 99.9% of your readers will write and shower you with congratulations, I thought I might be different and mention something that burns me up about both the AVENGERS and the X-MEN. Why is it that you must ruin both these potentially great comics with a copy of the Thing in both of them. Both the Avengers and the X-Men need the Hulk and the Beast like I need a hole in the head. I'm surprised that with all your original ideas, you resorted to copying the success of the F.F. by using the Hulk and the Beast in your two new groups. The X-Men were especially great, and it would be much better if the Beast were a normal-looking person with the greatest strength instead of looking like an ape in a costume. The Avengers was a great disappointment because of the lack of Spider-Man. I hope Spider Man is added, and Captain America replaces the Hulk. Why not ask the readers if they would rather see Spider Man or the Hulk in the AVENGERS, or someone else than the Hulk.

Jerry Johnson
Crownpoint, N. Mex.

We don't HAVE to ask our readers, Jerry! They tell us their opinions whether we ask 'em or not! As for the Beast being too much like the Thing, if you read X-Men #3 we think you'll agree that he's rather different. It took us three issues to really get the feel of the X-MEN's personalities—but we've got them NOW, by golly! (We hope!)

Dear Stan and Jack,

All it took me to get acquainted with your new comics was the Marvel box in the left hand corner! This is truly a great idea! My friends and I consider your comics to be the best on the market, and your fans prove how true this is. I am sure that everyone that reads your comics agrees!

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I have been to England, all over the U.S., and to many European countries, but have never found any comics with such quality! I don't know how you do it, but keep up the good work, including FANTASTIC FOUR, STRANGE TALES, TALES TO ASTONISH, SGT. FURY and especially your astounding new comics--THE X-MEN and the AVENGERS. Because of you I feel that comics are not a hunk of paper with scrawls all over it, but now, a true magazine--something worth collecting. Congratulations, and keep it up!

J. H. Gardner
475 Pahon Ave.
San Jose, Calif.

We knock ourselves out with the stories, art work, characterization, etc., and what does J.H. like? The Marvel box in the left hand corner!! —We're only kiddin', pal— we like it, too!

Dear Stan and Jack,

I want to congratulate MARVEL COMICS on one of the most unusual comics (I hate to use the word 'comic' because the X-MEN book is more like a real magazine) I have ever read. The Angel is a regular leader if anything happened to the Professor. The Beast is a neat character but he should be able to do more than just swing around. Cyclops is by far the most unusual, but I don't think he should give out after a few seconds at maximum power. The Ice Man is also very unusual—I think a good idea would be to let him shoot knife-like icicles. Marvel Girl is good but I think she should be able to fly by teleporting herself and she should be able to teleport more than one thing at a time. I think it would be nice if the Professor could go along on the adventures. What kind of childhood accident caused the Professor to be restrained to a chair? All the costumes are good, but the top of the head-part of Marvel Girl's costume is bad as her hair should show. A small mask over her eyes would be perfect. Magneto is a perfect super-villain, but please let the X-MEN catch him so they can show people they are a good fighting team. I wish you would quit this stuff about the poor Homo Sapiens and the Homo Superiors as it tends to take the life-likeness out of the X-MEN.

Gary Martin
712 So. Kimbrough St.
Raleigh, N. C.

Gary, if you're too shy to tell us what you want, how can we help you?

Dear Stan and Jack,

I'd like to say that I am 28 years old and the father of a little girl 2 years old. Having read all the FF adventures from issue #1 to #19 I was aware of the fact that you were publishing an Annual featuring the F.F., so I told my newsstand to save one for me. Somehow he never received a single issue of the Annual. I never realized how badly I wanted that book until I found out he didn't have it. I went to over 20 different newsdealers, and this is the honest truth—every dealer had *sold out*—I couldn't believe it! Then this morning at 6:30 a.m. I was standing on the corner waiting for the bus to take me to work, when I overheard the newsstand man say to his helper, "Here's a 25¢ comic that got misplaced, put it out for sale." It was the F.F. Annual! I must have jumped 12 feet in the air! I grabbed that book like it was a piece of gold. (Well, in a way it was!) The other people on the corner thought I was crazy. Well, that's it except to say I'm sure glad that I finally got that book. Like I said, I'm 28 years old, but I still like to read a good comic book.

Stephen Foston
3706 Lancaster Ave.
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Many thanks, Steve! And here's hoping you like us just as much when you reach the ripe old age of 29!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS SECTION:

- **Well, Doc Doom has come and gone again in this ish! It's a funny thing — we get countless letters each week asking for more and more of the Doc, as well as for Sub Mariner and the Hulk. But then, when we DO repeat some of our characters, we get almost as many letters from other readers saying they're sick of seeing them and telling us to think up NEW foes each issue! Sometimes we think the best way to edit a mag might be by just tossing a coin!**
- **Speaking of the Hulk and Sub Mariner, they're BOTH in the current issue of The AVENGERS! If you miss it, you've only yourself to blame! There's a honey of a fight at the end between all the super-characters we could crowd into one story!**
- **Wanna hear how names are thought of? We needed a name for the villain of X-MEN #3, and Stan and Jack were kicking a few around when a boy delivering sandwiches walked in and jokingly said, "He looks like a big blob! Call 'im The Blob!" We laughed at that for a minute, and then Stan and Jack looked at each other and said "Why not?" So there you have it! It started as a gag, but now our honest-to-goodness villain's name in X-MEN #3 is really The Blob! Let us know what you think of him, huh?**
- **By the way, the Human Torch battles The Eel again (remember him?) in STRANGE TALES #117, and in that same ish Dr. Strange battles big, bad Mordo the Magician again! Looks like old home week at Marvel, eh?**
- **Tell us the truth — have you ever seen a super-hero with the problems that poor ol' Thor has? In JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY #100 he has to fight Mr. Hyde again — is wanted by the police again — and still can't marry the gal he loves! On top of all that, imagine what he'd have to pay for a haircut with all that hair!**
- **Wait'll Doctor Doom reads TALES OF SUSPENSE #50! It looks as though Iron Man has met Doc's oriental counterpart! In that ish, you'll find a new fascinating villain named The Mandarin who seems to be the closest thing to Doc Doom we've yet found! In fact, he has some powers that Doc himself hasn't thought of. We think you'll get a kick out of this one!**
- **For those of you who've been asking "What happened to darlin' Dick Ayers?" since he hasn't inked the past few FF's, you'll find his pencilling and inking on the latest Giant-Man story in TALES TO ASTONISH #52! We gave the whole art job to Dick and he went WILD! Wait'll you see the newest Giant-Man villain — The Black Knight — with a flying horse, no less!**
- **Might as well mention SGT. FURY AND HIS HOWLING COMMANDOS, too! In ish #5 (GOSH! Have we done that many already?!!) the sarge gets busted down to private, loses a fight with the most dangerous Nazi this side of a late-show movie, and almost lands in the guard-house! But does that stop HIM?? Nah! He still practically wins the whole war single-handed! This one is sure to be talked about!**
- **Can we level with you? We can't tell you what the next FF will be because we haven't decided on a plot yet. So we won't say "Don't miss the greatest, most thrilling, etc. etc." All we'll say is — we've got to dream up a story in the next couple of days, and have it drawn pronto if we wanna make our deadline! So, to find out if we succeeded, and how well we succeeded, dont miss FF #24, on sale around the beginning of December. (Note—all the other mags mentioned above are on sale NOW!) Incidentally, if we DO miss our deadline this month, forget about addressing your next letters to Stan and Jack — there'll probably be a crop of NEW names here next time!...**

Well, we enjoyed this visit with you — hope you did, too! So, till next ish, keep reading! And, if some of the mags you read happen to be OURS, we'll be mighty pleased!

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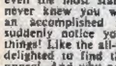

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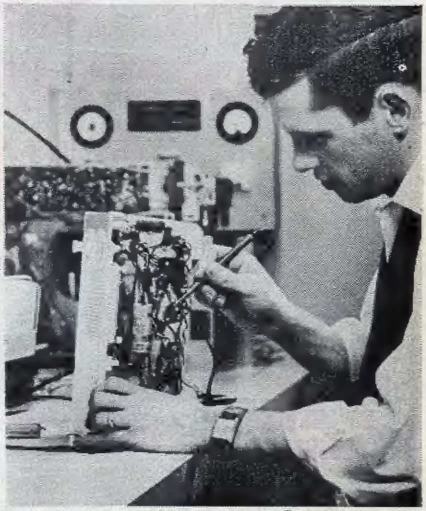

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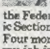

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